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Michael DuBose, Chief

Re: VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Dear Mr. DuBose:

Enclosed please see US Patent and Trademark Office "Available Documents"

And see US Patent #5598947 and 02-04-1997 CTMS Miscellaneous Action with SSP

It is this 02-04-1997 CTMS Miscellaneous Action with SSP that I have continually requested from the Patent Office. This pertains to my patent 5598947 that was improperly cancelled. I have not been able to receive a copy of the matter regardless that I requested same re. FOIA.

I have been told to write to you explaining this USPTO failure to comply with the FOIA.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Smith

cc: President Obama

## Available Documents

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[54] **AUTOMATIC HOT FOOD VENDING MACHINE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The unattended machine has a hopper for holding an inventory of uniformly-sized, individual, frozen or refrigerated portions of food and for maintaining the inventory in a frozen or refrigerated condition. Insertion into the machine of a genuine dollar bill is verified by an electro-optical mechanism which signals control and monitor circuitry to initiate food preparation by causing a microwave oven below the hopper to open and rotate into a food-receiving position below a dispenser, located below the hopper, which then dispenses an individual portion of food into the oven by gravity. The oven then rotates to a horizontal cooking position and closes its door, where the portion is heated by microwave energy for a pre-determined length of time. Upon completion of heating, the oven door is opened and the oven tilted downward and the heated portion of food is dispensed by gravity through an opening or port in the machine. Circuitry is provided for monitoring progress of the preparation and delivery cycle and for refunding purchase price in the event the machine is empty or a malfunction occurs. Additionally, the machine may be adapted for monitoring and recording machine status and for notifying a remote location telephonically of problems or maintenance needs.

9 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets

